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Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit program

This Update explains the purpose of the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) program, and describes enrollment and cost report deadlines, and services eligible for reimbursement under the program.

Wisconsin Statutes authorize the Wisconsin Medicaid program to make federal matching funds available to counties, tribes, and local health departments through the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) program. Under CSDRB, counties, tribes, and local health departments (city, county, or village) are able to claim federal matching dollars to cover approximately 60% of their operating deficits for eligible community services (see list at right). Public agencies are required to provide 40% match from local funds currently spent on these activities. For the purpose of this program, the public agency's operating deficit is the difference between the agency's costs to provide a service and its Medicaid reimbursement for the service. Agencies must annually submit CSDRB cost reports to Wisconsin Medicaid to document their operating deficits.

Enrollment for CSDRB in 1999

To receive reimbursement for costs incurred in calendar year 1999, agencies are required to enroll in the program by March 15, 2000. Agencies who submitted a CSDRB cost report

for services provided in 1998 are automatically enrolled in the program for 1999.

CSDRB 1999 cost report deadlines

The CSDRB 1999 cost report forms will be mailed to participating agencies by March 15, 2000, and must be returned to Wisconsin Medicaid by May 1, 2000.

Services eligible for reimbursement

Under the CSDRB program, counties, tribes and local health departments may receive additional federal reimbursement for deficits incurred for the following services:

- Home health services.
- Medical day treatment services.
- Mental health and substance abuse (alcohol and other drug abuse) outpatient services, including psychiatry services.
- Personal care services.
- Substance abuse day treatment.
- Community support programs.
- Case management.
- Mental health crisis intervention.
- Prenatal care coordination.
- Child/adolescent day treatment.

For more information about participating in the program, please contact the CSDRB Coordinator at (888) 322-1006.

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Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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